

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Cc:** senchertel@senate.michigan.gov; Rep. Sam Singh (District 69); Susan Reed  
**Subject:** HCB 28

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

I am writing you to opposed HCB 28.

My name is Shirin Kambin and I have worked shoulder to shoulder with refugees from all parts of the world for 16 years in the Mid Michigan area and currently coordinate a community collaborative of 50+ partners engaged the mission of welcoming newcomers and supporting their integration into the Greater Lansing area. I have known refugees to be mothers, fathers, neighbors, my children's" school friends, employees and taxpayers.

Refugees come to this country for the same reasons immigrants have come for centuries. They want the freedom to live, work, worship and learn in peace. In fact, as a professor of political science, I very often find them more knowledgeable and appreciative of American values and institutions than my students who were born in this country.

The Refugee Resettlement Process has a long and tedious system for admitting newcomers into the US. For details I would like to refer you to [this site](#)

Life never has guarantees and just as we don't disassemble the second amendment when there is an unfortunate event, so too should we not disqualify thousands of refugees a life saving opportunity here in our community due to fear and a false sense future safety.

I strongly urge you not to take up HCB 28. It undermines who we are as a state and nation. It is fundamentally un American.

Sincerely,  
Shirin Kambin Timms

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*A place where New Americans are celebrated and believed to be critical to Mid-Michigan's economic and cultural vibrancy.*